



Discussion of Rockville Metro Station Community Visioning and Concept Development Study

Mayor and Council

April 26, 2021

Agenda Item No. 12

About the Study

- Funded by WMATA's FY 2021 Project Development Program authorized by the Maryland Department of Transportation
- Study scope prepared by WMATA with input from Rockville Mayor and Council and city and county staff
- Initial Steering Committee meeting on March 11, 2021



Purpose of the Study

- Improve station interface and access with surrounding residential neighborhoods and mixed-use areas (Town Center & Stonestreet)
- Address vehicle and pedestrian circulation
- Repair or replace aging infrastructure
- Integrate current and future transportation services
- Promote greater transit usage
- Explore potential development on the station site

Relevant Plans and Studies

- Town Center Master Plan (2001)
- Comprehensive Master Plan (2002)
- East Rockville Neighborhood Plan (2004)
- Rockville Station Access Improvement Study (2005)
- Lincoln Park Neighborhood Plan (2007)
- Stonestreet Corridor Study (2018)
- Rockville 2040 Draft Comprehensive Plan (ongoing)
- Montgomery County BRT MD-355 Corridor Study (ongoing)

Town Center Master Plan Pedestrian Promenade

Rockville Town Center

MD-355



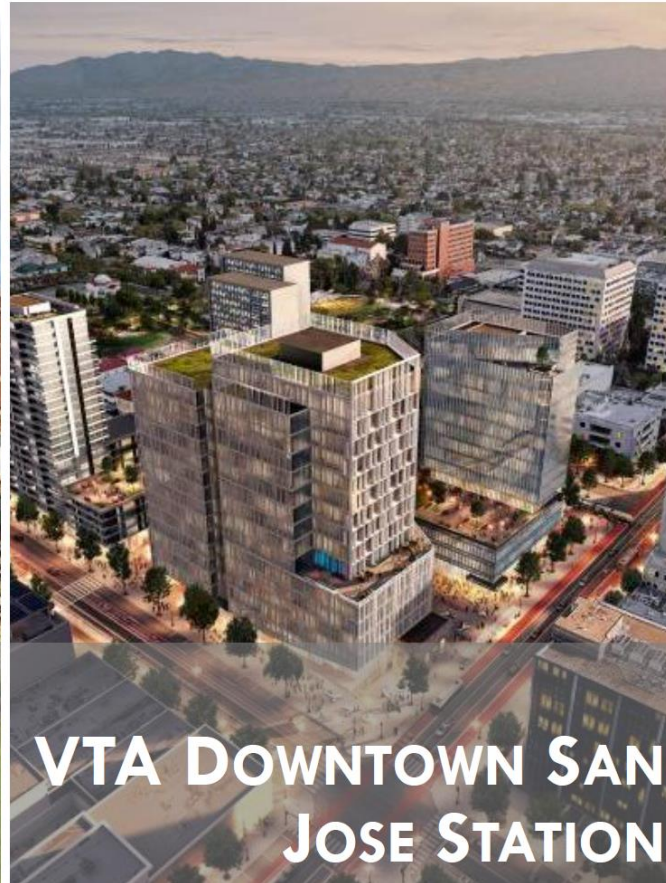
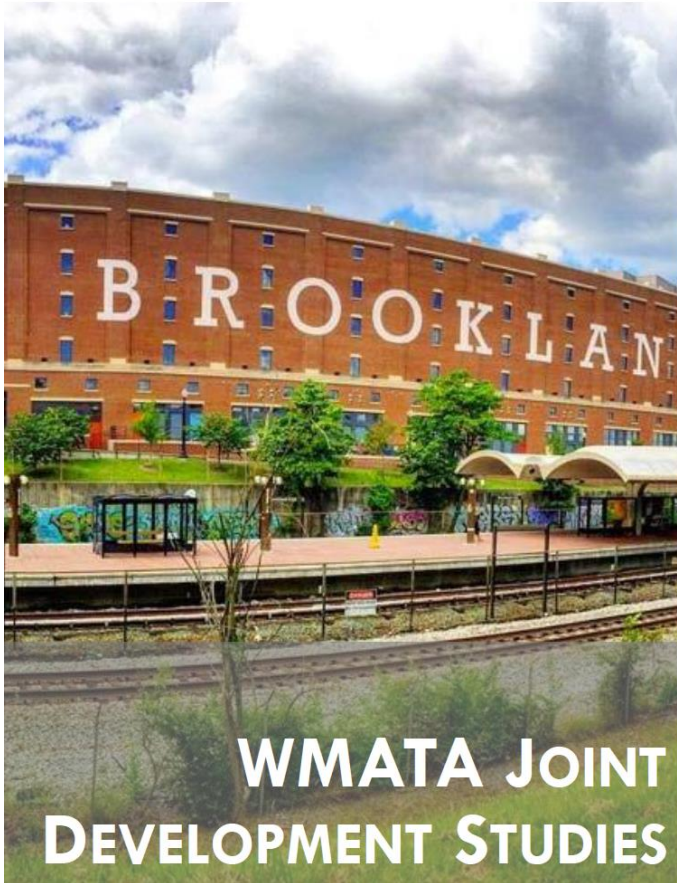


Rockville Metro Project Scope

- 1 Gather input on station goals from the public and key City and County stakeholders.
- 2 Develop and refine concept options based on transportation, financial, real estate, and placemaking merits.
- 3 Recommend a station concept for WMATA to continue advancing in collaboration with the City of Rockville and Montgomery County.

Consultant Team

HR&A, VHB, and Sasaki have led station planning studies across the DC region and around the country.



Project Partners

- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro)
- City of Rockville
- Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)
- Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
- The Rockville community

Expected Study Outcomes

- A shared vision for transit-oriented development
- At least three (3) concepts that re-configure transit facilities and integrate private development
- Opportunities to improve station accessibility and safety for non-auto modes while reducing traffic congestion impacting bus operations
- Evaluation of cost and benefits of potential improvements
- Identification of placemaking interventions to activate station access
- Enhancement of competitiveness and attractiveness of real estate

Study Schedule

Meeting	Timing	Participants
Study Kick-off Meeting	March 11	Steering Committee and consultants
Initial Visioning Discussion	April 26	Mayor and Council with city staff
Visioning Workshop #1	May 4, 6:30-8p	Public meeting, led by consultants
Visioning Workshop #2	May 15, 10-11:30a	Public meeting, led by consultants
Steering Committee Meeting	May (tbd)	Steering Committee with consultants
Presentation of Visioning Results	June 21	Mayor and Council, WMATA, consultants and staff
Preparation of Concept Designs	July (tbd)	Consultants and technical staff
Review of Preliminary Concept Designs	July 19	Mayor and Council with city staff
Concept Design Analysis	90 days	Consultants
Review of Concept Designs #1	October (tbd)	Public meeting, led by consultants
Review of Concept Designs #2	October (tbd)	Public meeting, led by consultants
Steering Committee Meeting	December (tbd)	Steering Committee with consultants
Draft Final Report Presentation & Review	January (tbd)	Mayor and Council, WMATA, consultants and staff
Final Report Released	February	n/a



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